



June 22, 2018

Chief Peter Marcellais  
Naha Dehé Dene Band  
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Chief Gerry Antoine  
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Fort Simpson, NT  
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**VIA EMAIL AND FAX**

**RE: EA1415-01 Response to letter of support for Canadian Zinc Corporation's Information Request Response**

Dear Chief Peter Marcellais and Chief Gerry Antoine,

The Federal Minister (FM) and the Responsible Ministers (RM) for the Canadian Zinc Corporation All Season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1415-01) would like to thank Naha Dehé Dene Band and Łíídlıı Kúę First Nation for your joint letter confirming support for Canadian Zinc Corporation's (CZN) response to Information Requests (IRs).

Łíídlıı Kúę First Nation and the Dehcho First Nations submitted letters dated October 20, 2018 raising concerns about insufficient consultation, and CZN's ability to meet the measures of the Report of Environmental Assessment. The Minister sent five information requests to CZN directed at your concerns.

In your June 7, 2018 letter, you support CZN's response to IRs 4 and 5. This was followed with letters dated June 14, 2018 stating support for all CZN's responses to the Minister's IRs.

Your letter also requested that Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada direct Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, and Parks Canada to not issue permits for the all season road until an Environmental Management Agreement (EMA) with CZN is negotiated. Please note that the FM does not have the authority to direct the Board or Parks Canada or indeed any regulator to insert conditions into permits or licenses, or withhold permits or licenses pending negotiation of an agreement between a proponent and a First Nation.

We are encouraged by the commitment of all parties to the negotiation of an EMA. If this project proceeds to the regulatory phase, there will be opportunity for you to participate in that regulatory phase, express any remaining concerns about the project, and to engage with both CZN and regulators with respect to authorizations required by the project.

If you have further concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency's A/Director General, Adrian Paradis ([Adrian.Paradis@canada.ca](mailto:Adrian.Paradis@canada.ca)), or by phone at (867) 669-2595.

Sincerely,



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